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SPEECH

Of the Honorable

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Esq;

SPEAKER

Of the House of COMMONS,

To the Honorable House of

COMMONS,

Upon the Electing of him SPEAKRER in the PARLIAMENT at *OXFORD*, *Monday* the 21th. day of *March*, 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

TOGETHER,

With his Speeches to His Most Excellent

MAJESTY.

At the Presenting him Speaker to his *Majesty* by the Commons in Parliament.

Upon Tuesday 22*th. day of the same Month.*

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THE SPEECH OF THE Honorable *William Williams* Esq; To the House of COMMONS.

Upon the Electing of him Speaker at *Oxford*, *Munday* 21th. *March*, 168$\frac{2}{3}$.

GENTLEMEN,

I were Vanity in me by Arguments from Weakness and Unfitness, to disable my self for Your Service in this Chair at this time.

The Unianimous Voice of the House calling me to this Place, Concludes me, and leaves me without Excuse. Whom the Commons *have*

Elected for this Truſt, is to be ſuppoſed Worthy, and Fit for it. Wherefore I muſt acquieſce in Your Commands.

Apprehending this Choice proceeds from the Example you have from Your Countreys by Your own Elections, making this Parliament, as much as in you and them lies, the ſame with the laſt; Therefore You have the ſame Speaker.

I ought not to offer any ſort of Aſſurance to this Houſe, of my reſolved Conſtancy, Fidelity, and Vigilancy, in the diſcharge of this Duty: The Juſt ſence I have of the Honour generouſly given me this day, is Your Stipulation for my good Abearance. The Truſt I owe, and am to anſwer to God, my Religion, to England and Engliſh-men in this Service, muſt tye me to do and ſuffer all that Fleſh and Bloud can Act or endure, in Your Chair.

This is not the time to ſpeak Much, but to act Well, without more words then in order to our proper Parliamentary method of Proceeding. Gentlemen, *Admit me to make it my firſt Mo-*

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tion, That Your Debates and Proceedings, may be Regular and Orderly, without Reflexion, without Paſſion: and that my actings and Behaviour may have your Kind and Candid Conſtruction, and You ſhall find there is not any thing ſo dear to me, which ſhall not be adventured in the Service of the Commons *in Parliament by me.*

THE

Ordered

That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Mr. Speaker, *for the Speech by him made in the Houſe of* Lords, *upon his being Preſented to His* Majeſty. *And that he be deſired to Print the ſame.*

Will. Goldesbrough,
Cler. Dom. Com.

THE

SPEECH

Of the Honorable *William Williams* Esq;

To His Most Excellent

MAJESTY

At the Presenting of him *Speaker* by the *Commons* to His MAJESTY at *OXFORD*,

Upon Tuesday 22th. *March*, 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

May it please Your Majesty,

THE Knights, Citizens, & Burgesses in *Parliament* Assembled, with Duty and Loyalty agreeable to Themselves and the Persons whom they Represent, have in Obedience to Your Royal Pleasure, for the Disposing of Themselves in that Great Assembly, for Your Majesties service Considered of a Speaker, and to manifest to Your *Majesty* and the World, They are not inclinable to Changes, have with one Voice E-

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lected me Their Speaker, having had the Honor to serve Your Majesty and the Commons in that Trust in the last Parliament.

With all Humility I presume again, by Their Command, to stand before Your Majesty in this circumstance, with an Head and Heart full of Loyalty to Your Sacred Person: Armed with a settled Resolution, never to depart from Your well Constituted and Established Government.

The Lord Chancellor by His MAJESTIES Command, said to this Purpose.

Mr. *Speaker*,

FOR *so I am Commanded to call You: His* Majesty *hath well Considered the Choice the* Commons *have made, and doth very much Approve of that Election, and doth Accept and Allow of you their* Speaker.

THE

The ſecond Speech of William Williams *Eſq;*
Then Preſented to his Moſt Excellent
MAJESTY.

Moſt Gracious Soveraign,

NAtural Allegeance Commands Loyalty to Your *Majeſty* from every Subject. Your ſingular Grace and Favour to me in the laſt *Parliament*, Confirmed by the Honor I have in this, add more then Dutifulneſs and Obedience to my Loyalty.

I am ſet in the firſt Station of Your *Commons*, for Truſt and Quality; an High and Slippery Place. It requires a Steady Head and a well Poiſed Body, in him that will ſtand firm there: Uprightneſs is the ſafe Poſture and beſt Policy, and ſhall be mine in this Place; guarded with this Opinion, that Your Majeſties ſervice in this Truſt, is one and the ſame with the ſervice of Your Commons, and that they are no more to be divided then Your Crown and Scepter.

They truly and beſt ſerve the Crown and Country, (which ſhall be my Care and Induſtry) who

who make the Safety of Your Sacred Perſon, the defence and ſecurity of the Proteſtant Religion, the Support of Your Majeſties Government, the Maintenance of the Laws, and Preſervation of the ancient Conſtitutions of Parliament; one and the ſame undevided Intereſt, one and the ſame Safety, one and the ſame inſeperable Security, for your Self and People. Theſe are the Deſires of all Good men; but muſt be the effects of Good Counſels; for the Inabling of your Majeſties great Counſel now in *Parliament* Aſſembled, to Compleat this Bleſſed Eſtabliſhment. With all Humility, I addreſs to your Majeſty, in the Name, and on the behalf of the Commons in *Parliament*.

1. *That we and our ſervants may be free in our Perſons and Eſtates, from Arreſts and other Diſturbances.*

2. *That in our Debates, Liberty and Freedom of Speech be allowed us.*

3. *That as occaſion ſhall require, your Majeſty will vouchſafe us Acceſs to your Royal Perſon.*

I take leave to join this Humble Petition for my ſelf, that nothing by me in Weakneſs, or through Inadvertency ſaid or done, may turn to the prejudice of the *Commons*, and that my Behaviour and Proceedings, may receive a benigne and favourable Interpretation, with your Gracious Majeſty.

The Lord Chancellor by Command from His *Majeſty*, ſaid to this effect.

Mr. Speaker,

L L your Petitions are fully and freely granted by His Majeſty, *in as large and ample manner, as ever any Houſe of Commons yet enjoyed them: The* King *is very ſure the Wiſdom of this Houſe of Commons, will make as prudent an Uſe of them, as any of your Anceſtors ever did. Your own particular Petition is grateful to the* King *too, becauſe he knows you will be as Careful to avid Miſtakes, as his Majeſty is ready to Forgive them.*

And now Mr. Speaker, *theſe Preliminaries being thus over, the* King *deſires you would haſten to the reſt that are neceſſary to be diſpatched,*

patched, before we can enter upon buſineſs, that ſo we may husband time, which is now more neceſſary then ever; and He hopes this Parliament will come to a very happy and proſperous Concluſion, and that it may do ſo, God Almighty proſper all your Conſultations.

FINIS.